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Ambassador Richard M. Helms



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Dear Mr. Helms:

Once more we on the History Staff are indebted to you for your unfailing good humor in putting up with our periodic demands on your time. The good news is that we are nearing the end of our endeavors. Please accept my thanks for our session yesterday. Just as each of our recording sessions has been, it gave me extremely useful insights into how things looked from the seventh floor.

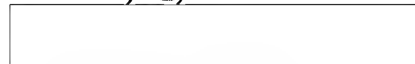
I was incorrect in attributing the bias statement to Kissinger's memoirs. Instead its actual propagator is your old friend Thomas Powers, who claims that Nixon and Kissinger believed this to be the case. Naturally, he provides no sources for this allegation. But I'm glad I asked the question as I did, for it prompted you to put into the record a statement which probably needed to be made.

Incidentally, this morning I ran across an old memorandum that effectively puts to rest the Carl Duckett story we discussed.

Again, I thank you for your cooperation in giving us this opportunity to get the historical record straight.

Sincerely yours,

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